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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, LY, EG
SUBJECT: U.S. COLLUSION WITH EGYPT AGAINST LIBYA

ACTING FORSEC ISSA BABA CALLED ME TO FONOFF AT 2100 (LOCAL)
JUNE 24 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT U.S. CONSPIRACY WITH EGYPT TO
ATTACK LIBYA. IN FACT I WAS SUMMONED FROM RECEPTION AT
SPANISH EMBASSY.

ISSA BABA APOLOGIZED FOR LATENESS BUT CLAIMED THAT LIBYAN
INTELLIGENCE "HAD PENETRATED CERTAIN CIRCLES" AND LEARNED
THAT U.S. WAS ENCOURAGING SADAT TO ATTACK LIBYA IN NEAR
FUTURE. LIBYAN GOVT WAS SURPRISED SINCE IT UNDERSTOOD
THAT U.S. HAD PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED EGYPTIAN "AGGRESSION" AGAINST
LIBYA. LIBYAN GOVT DESIRED ASSURANCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
(TOMORROW) THAT U.S. WAS NOT REPEAT NOT INVOLVED IN SUCH
SCHEME AND AS IAJOR POWER WOULD DISCOURAGE EGYPT FROM ANY
SUCH RASH ACTS.

2. I RESPONDED THAT STORY SEEMED VERY FAR OUT AND THAT
U.S. HAD NO RPT NO HOSTILE INTENTIONS TOWARD LIBYA. I SAID I WOULD
REPORT HIS INQUIRY TO WASHINGTON BUT DOUBTED THAT THERE WAS
ANY SUBSTANCE TO IT. HE AGAIN ASKED TO HEAR FROM ME AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.

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3. I AM NOT SURE WHETHER THIS DEMARCHE IS PROVOCATION OR
PARANOIA. CERTAINLY HE DIDN'T SUMMON ME ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY.
WITH QADHAFI OUT OF COUNTRY JALLUD IS IN CHARGE LOCALLY.
NEVERTHELESS I WOULD SUSPECT THAT ORDERS MAY HAVE COME FROM
QADHAFI.
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